

SALTFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at Saltford Hall, Saltford
on Tuesday 21st April 2015 at 7.15pm

PRESENT:

Councillors - Adrian Betts (Chair), Marie Carder, Harvey Haeberling, Duncan Hounsell, Rob King, Neil McKen, Chris Warren, Jill Williams and Reg Williams

Officer - Tricia Golinski

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 3 March 2015 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for inability to attend this meeting were received from Cllrs Kevin Reeves and Rob Taylor.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Duncan Hounsell declared an interest in item 6b application 15/01602/FUL - 9 Montague Road, as he is the applicant.

Cllr Adrian Betts declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 6b application 15/01602/FUL - 9 Montague Road, as he knows the applicant.

4. PUBLIC TIME

There were 6 members of the public present.

Steve Johnson, Chair of Saltford Community Association, spoke in support of item 9 - Saltford Youth Service. The SCA is trying to find a permanent home for the service at Saltford Hall from September 2015.

Geoff Bacon of 16 Cavendish Close spoke in opposition to planning application 15/00525/FUL - 17 Cavendish Close.

5. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair announced that the Council's employer's contribution to Avon Pension Fund will go up from 15.8% to 17.8% from April 2015. The employee's rate and the deficit recovery amount will stay the same. This increase was taken into account when setting the budget for 2015/16.

6. PLANNING MATTERS

- a) **Minutes** - The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 7 April 2015 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
- b) **New planning applications** – The Council considered the following planning applications in respect of which Bath & North East Somerset (B&NES) Council had invited comments:

Revised plans for 15/00525/FUL - 17 Cavendish Close - Erection of two storey rear extension and loft conversion - Mr Nathan Sheppard

It was resolved that B&NES Council be advised that this Council **COMMENTS ON** this application: **We are concerned about over-development and loss of light to number 16 due to massing of proposed extension (D.2f).**

15/01151/FUL - 44 High Street - Erection of extension to an existing single garage incorporating new pitched roof, front façade and door - Mr Simon Martin

It was resolved that B&NES Council be advised that this Council **SUPPORTS** this application.

15/01602/FUL - 9 Montague Road - Erection of a single storey front porch extension and single storey rear extension - Mr & Mrs Duncan Hounsell

It was resolved that B&NES Council be advised that this Council **COMMENTS ON** this application: **No comment.**

- c) **Decisions** – The Clerk reported the following applications which had been PERMITTED with conditions by B&NES Council:

15/00656/FUL - 4 Cavendish Close - Erection of single storey front extension - Mr & Mrs G Lewis

15/01021/VAR - Saltford Golf Club, Golf Club Lane - Variation of conditions 3 and 15 of application 12/02315/FUL - Revision of course layout - Saltford Golf Course

15/00192/AR - Riverside Restaurant The Shallows - Display of 2 illuminated signs adjacent to the public house entrance doors to advertise the restaurant and bar - Wadworth & Co Ltd

15/00775/FUL - 50 High Street - Erection of single storey side extension - Mr & Mrs Darrell Pickup

14/05767/FUL - Glenavon Farm 331 Bath Road - Conversion, extension and redevelopment of existing farm buildings to provide a showroom and storage space - Kindle Stoves

- d) **Planning items of urgent information** – Cllr Neil McKen reported that the number of boats is increasing.

Cllr Duncan Hounsell reported that there are several boats and vehicles in Mead Lane which may be residential.

The Council agreed to report to B&NES a new possible planning contravention at Avon Valley Garage 584 Bath Road – a large ‘Used Cars’ sign on the east side of the garage.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) **Monthly Financial Report** – The report was discussed and accepted by Members.
- b) **Schedule of Expenditure** – It was resolved that the expenditure for all items listed in the schedule for the month of April 2015 be authorised and the schedule signed by the Chair.
- c) **Annual accounts and annual return for financial year 2014-15** – The Council approved the annual statement of accounts for the financial year 2014-15 and Sections 1 and 2 of the annual return for the financial year 2014-15.
- d) **Review of internal audit** – The Council approved the internal audit of its 2014/15 accounts undertaken by Auditing Solutions Ltd.

8. PARKING ON GRASS VERGES

The Council considered possible action to take in regard to the parking on Curo's grass verges in Brockley Road. Options considered were:

- Convert a section of the grass verge to form additional residents' parking spaces
- Install bollards to prevent parking on the grass verges
- Introduce parking restrictions with certain times restricted via a Traffic Regulation Order

It was agreed that this issue could not be solved quickly and would be for the next Parish Council to address. B&NES' Traffic Management Technical Officer is able to provide estimate costs for all options.

9. SALTFORD YOUTH SERVICE

The Council agreed to continue to support the provision of a weekly mobile youth service in the village, in partnership with Bath & North Somerset Council. A new 6 month Working Together Agreement with B&NES Council was agreed for 2015-16 on the following basis:

- Three months service (April to June) under current arrangements ie 50% funded by Saltford Parish Council and 50% of costs funded by B&NES Youth Connect
- Three months service (July to September) at an increased rate of 75% funded by Saltford Parish Council and 25% of costs covered by B&NES Youth Connect

Expenditure of £2500 under budget heading Youth Service Provision was authorised.

10. NEIGHBOUR NOTIFICATIONS OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council agreed to the following amended proposal from Cllr Adrian Betts:

To give the Chair or Vice Chair of the Planning Committee the authorization to increase the number of residents consulted (using B&NES Planning Department chosen consultation perimeter as the baseline) on a planning application.

This is to be added to the Planning Committee's Terms of Reference.

11. 50 MPH REPEATER SIGN

The Council agreed to request that B&NES Council removes the final 50 mph repeater sign from the lamppost as you approach Saltford from the Bath direction, and that a warning sign is placed at an appropriate distance to indicate that a 30mph limit is approaching.

12. LITTER BINS

The Council agreed to request that B&NES Council installs a litter bin at the top of Rodney Road, at the junction with Uplands Road.

13. NOTICE BOARDS

The Council agreed to request that between now and 21 June 2015, Saltford Motors do not in any way alter or remove the notice boards, which are being used to advertise events in Saltford Festival.

14. CHURCHYARD TREE WORK

The Council agreed to fund cutting back the large oak tree next to the church at a cost of £350 (budget heading Churchyard Special Maintenance Projects).

15. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Jill Williams reported that plans for Saltford Festival are going well.

16. PUBLICITY

The Council agreed items to include in the Parish Council's page of SCAN and ideas for the next Parish Council e-newsletter.

17. ITEMS OF URGENT INFORMATION

Cllr Duncan Hounsell reported the following:

- the 20 mph signs are still being installed in Saltford
- there has been a re-organisation of the local Police in B&NES
- the Toucan crossing near the Bath Rd/Norman Rd junction is awaiting implementation

Cllr Adrian Betts thanked everyone for their help as this was his last meeting as Chair of the present Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm

Chair's signature.....

Date confirmed and signed...../...../.....

Next Council meeting: 19 May 2015
Next Planning Committee meeting: 5 May 2015